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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, §1.97 and §1.98, the Applicant submits for consideration in the above-identified patent application the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08B. A copy of these documents is also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make all of the listed documents of record.

Pursuant to 1.97(c)(2), the undersigned hereby states that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Thus no fees are believed to be due. If a fee is deemed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee due to Deposit Account 50-2263.

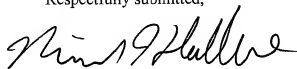
In addition, Applicants submits for the Examiner's consideration the following documents from co-pending and co-owned applications (the documents are grouped by attorney docket number and USPTO Application No.):

	Application / Patent No.	First Named Inventor	Filed / Issued:	Atty Docket No.:	Application / Patent No.
1.	09/254,521 (7,113,276)	Victor Higgs	03/08/1999 (09/26/2006)	NAN134 US	09/254,521 (7,113,276)
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5.	11/343,500	Steven Hummel	01/30/2006	NAN141 US	11/343,500
6.	11/426,877	Steven G. Hummel	06/27/2006	NAN151 US	11/426,877
7.	11/427,080	Nicholas Laurent	06/28/2006	NAN152 US	11/427,080

Applicant would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO/SB/08B, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

The information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is to the best of my knowledge and is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a complete search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; or (iv) the above information constitutes prior art to the subject invention.

Respectfully submitted,



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